

Book List

Recommended Books for Preschool Children

Excuse Me, I'm Trying to Read! by Mary Jo Amani (Mackinac Island Press). A young girl is trying to read her book, but the animals keep getting in her way. She soon finds out that it can be quite hard to read when a monkey keeps swiping your book or when an elephant is spraying you with his trunk! (*fiction*)

The Day I Lost My Superpowers by Michaël Escoffier (Enchanted Lion Books). A child is proud of her superpowers, like making things disappear—it always works with cupcakes, although not always with peas. Then, she makes a special discovery while she practices flying. (*fiction*)

Z is for Moose by Kelly Bingham (Greenwillow Books). Moose just can't wait until the M page in this silly alphabet book! He tries to butt in early—and then is in for a surprise when the M page finally rolls around. (*fiction*)

Kite Day: A Bear and Mole Story

by Will Hillenbrand (Holiday House). It's a perfect windy day, so Bear and Mole get to work constructing just the right kite. But when a storm rolls in, their kite-flying day blows in a different direction. (*fiction*)

The New Small Person by Lauren Child (Candlewick Press). Elmore Green is used to being an only child, but then a new small person comes to live at his home. Elmore can't help but be annoyed by this tiny stranger—that is, until he experiences the excitement of being an older brother. (*fiction*)

Stanley Goes Fishing by Craig Frazier (Chronicle Books). Stanley wakes up one morning and decides to go fishing. He rows all the way up the river, but he doesn't catch anything—until he comes up with an interesting technique. (*fiction*)

Maggie's Monkeys by Linda Sanders-Wells (Candlewick Press). According to one boy's little sister Maggie, a family of pink monkeys has moved into the family's refrigerator. No one can see them except Maggie, and the boy gets increasingly frustrated with the make-believe monkeys. (*fiction*)

It Wasn't Me: A Hueys Book by Oliver Jeffers (Philomel Books). The Hueys get along most of the time. One day, Gillespie finds them having an argument. They can't agree on anything! But do they even know what they are fighting about? (*fiction*)

Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann (G.P. Putnam's Sons). A zookeeper walks around saying goodnight to all of the zoo animals. When he arrives at home, though, he's in for several surprise visitors! (*fiction*)

The Red Lemon by Bob Staake (Golden Books). Some juicy lemons are ready to be picked! But one of the lemons is red instead of yellow. What will the farmer do with a red lemon? (*fiction*)

Mix It Up by Hervé Tullet (Chronicle Books). Young artists can get to work mixing paints to create beautiful new colors! With every turn of the page, the reader must follow directions to mix up a new paint palette! (*fiction*)



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The Pout-Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen (Farrar, Straus and Giroux). The pout-pout fish is as gloomy as can be. He swims around the ocean and mopes at the other fish, since that's just the way a pout-pout fish is. What will it take to turn his pout into a grin? (*fiction*)

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). Curious Liam enjoys exploring the city. One day, he finds a neglected garden and nurtures it to life. Soon, Liam's garden spreads along old railroad tracks and turns the city greener. Inspired by the High Line park in New York City, this story shows that even the smallest action can make the world more beautiful. (*fiction*)

I'm a Shark by Bob Shea (Balzer + Bray). Shark boasts that he isn't afraid of anything—not scary movies, the dark or squids. But it turns out that there may be one thing that makes Shark more than a little nervous. (*fiction*)

Bones, Bones, Dinosaur Bones by Byron Barton (HarperFestival). From Tyrannosaurus to Triceratops, dinosaur bones are the object of six paleontologists' quest. Join them as they go from digging up the bones to assembling dinosaur skeletons at the museum. (*fiction*)

Shark vs. Train by Chris Barton (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). In a battle between two favorite toys, a shark and a train, who will win? It depends on the circumstances, of course! These silly situations stretch far beyond the ocean and railroad tracks—who would win on a seesaw or in a game of hide-and-seek? (*fiction*)

A Ball for Daisy by Chris Raschka (Schwartz & Wade). Daisy is a dog who loves playing with her red ball. But one day at the park, another dog pops the ball, and Daisy must figure out how to cope without her favorite toy. (*fiction*)

Green is a Chile Pepper: A Book of Colors by Roseanne Greenfield Thong (Chronicle Books). Colors are not just colors; they represent so many lovely things—for example, red is the color of salsa, a ribbon and a dancing skirt! This book shows that the world is made up of many beautiful colors. (*nonfiction*)

Monster Day at Work by Sarah Dyer (Francis Lincoln Children's Books). Monster is so excited to spend his day at work with his dad. He gets to go to important meetings, have lunch and get work done. But at the end of the day, Monster and his dad have different views of how their day went. (*fiction*)

Itty Bitty by Cece Bell (Candlewick Press). Itty Bitty is a tiny dog who, one day, finds a humongous bone. He chews a hole in the bone and decides to make it his home. Follow Itty Bitty as he goes on errands to make his new house feel like home! (*fiction*)

Ones and Twos by Marthe Jocelyn and Nell Jocelyn (Tundra Books). Two friends have an exciting day playing at the park. There, they identify items that come in ones and twos, such as two kites near one cloud and two birds in one nest. (*nonfiction*)

A Good Day by Kevin Henkes (Greenwillow Books). On a bad day, a yellow bird loses his favorite feather and an orange fox can't find his mom. Then, the day turns around and the fox and his mother are reunited, the yellow bird flies high into the sky, and more good things happen. (*fiction*)

Zoo's Who by Douglas Florian (Harcourt Children's Books). Take a walk through the zoo and read poems about a slow and patient turtle, bats who live in dreary, dark caves, and many more! Accompanied by Florian's beautiful paintings, these poems are ideal for animal-lovers of any age. (*poetry*)

